Standard of medical education

*275. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee of academicians and scientists set up after the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, co-chaired by the Finance and Health Ministers, suggested that standards of higher medical education needed to be raised and monitored and recommended a Postgraduate Medical Education Board for higher education in medicine;

(b) if so, what are the other main recommendations made; and

(c) how many of them have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) In order to examine and make recommendations on the need for constitution of an independent authority to organize and regulate Post Graduate Medical Education in the country; to maintain the standard of Post Graduate Medical Diplomas and Degrees awarded by different universities in the country including Diplomate Degrees awarded by the National Board of Examinations and to assess the feasibility and also recommend the modalities for establishment of such body; the Government constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Professor Ranjit Roy Choudhury. The Committee has submitted its report. In this report, the Committee has *inter-alia* recommended for creation of Post Graduate Medical Education Board of India to regulate and maintain the stahdard of the Post Graduate Medical Education in the country. The recommendations are under examination.

Late running of trains

*276. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways have any norms/guidelines regarding the late running of passsenger trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry conduct recurrent surveys on the late running of passenger trains;

(d) if so, what is the methodology adopted in conducting such surveys and the reason for such recurrent delays;

(e) whether Government identified the railway divisions where the maximum delays have taken place alongwith the details thereof;

(f) what steps are being taken to minimize the delays;

(g) whether Government propose to fix accountability in this respect;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and